

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second paragraph on page 5 with the following amended paragraph:

As shown, particularly in Figure 1, machine 1 comprises a base 3 supporting a powered roller conveyor 4, ~~in turn comprising positioned between~~ two parallel, longitudinal lateral shoulders 5 facing each other and separated transversely~~[,]~~, and Roller conveyor 4 comprises a number of intermediate rollers 6 extending ~~perpendicularly~~ perpendicular to and in a straight row along and between shoulders 5. Rollers 6 are all the same shape and size, are connected to shoulders 5 to rotate about respective fixed parallel axes 6a equally spaced with a spacing P, and are connected to a common synchronous powered mechanical drive 7.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

As will be clear from the foregoing description, in machine 1 as described, by using ~~a~~-roller conveyor 4, by rotating the various rollers synchronously, and by positioning and maintaining the pressure devices in specific, stable reference positions along the whole of forming path K and with respect to axes 6a of rollers 6, blanks 2a are fed at all times along the same given feed path, thus eliminating all the problems caused, in known machines, by lateral slippage of the blanks/semitfinished articles. In other words, by providing locating seats on both shoulders 5 on either side of roller

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conveyor 4, pressure devices 15 can be positioned unequivocally, so that the axes 15a of rotation of the idle pressure wheels are exactly parallel to the axes 6a of rotation of rollers 6, regardless of the position of frame 19 along forming path K.